

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF HOMELAND SECURITY DIRECTOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding any other 2 provision of the general statutes, the Division of Homeland Security within the Department of Public Safety shall be headed by a director 4 who is appointed by the Governor and approved by the General 5 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 46 of the 6 general statutes. Such director shall possess extensive professional 7 training and knowledge consisting of not less than ten years of high-8 level managerial experience in matters relating to public safety, security and emergency services including, but not limited to, the 10 identification, development and implementation of strategic 11 preventative and reactionary plans to meet public safety concerns in 12 the areas of state-wide security, domestic terrorism, executive 13 protection and citizen corps. No person possessing a record of any 14 criminal, unlawful or unethical conduct shall be eligible for or hold 15 such position. Any person with any present or past political activities 16 or financial interests that may substantially conflict with the duties of

- 17 such directorship or expose such person to potential undue influence
- or compromise such person's ability to be entrusted with necessary
- 19 state or federal security clearances or information shall be deemed
- 20 unqualified for such position and shall not be eligible to hold such
- 21 position.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish certain qualifications and standards for the position of Director of Homeland Security within the Department of Public Safety.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]